

MEMORANDUM FOR CHAIRMAN, USIB

SUBJECT : Secretariat Summary of USIB Agenda for 9 May

- Item 1 Approval of Minutes of 2 May Meeting
Drafts have been circulated by the Exec Sec for USIB approval;
Sponsor -
- Item 2 Watch Report
Draft by Watch Committee to be circulated for Board approval;
Sponsor -
- Item 3 Memorandum to Holders of NIE 11-14-67, "Soviet and East European General Purpose Forces"
BNE draft coordinated with USIB Representatives for USIB approval;
Sponsor - Mr. Abbot Smith

Following an extensive discussion at last week's meeting regarding Army's problems with this paper, it was remanded to BNE and the USIB Representatives for reconsideration and report back to USIB, if possible, in time for USIB consideration at this week's meeting. BNE advises that the new paragraph desired by Navy was added, but that none of the changes proposed by Army were acceptable to any of the others concerned. Most of the time in the "clean-up session" was spent coaching the Army Representative on how to write a footnote. The ground rules for preparing footnotes are discussed in some detail in briefing memorandum. BNE advises that the simple solution at USIB would be to accept the Army footnote, unsatisfactory as it may be, and that nothing else of substance is likely to come up.

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- Item 5 Results of Review of SNIE 14.2-67 "North Korean Intentions and Capabilities with Respect to South Korea"
Sponsor - Mr. Abbot Smith

At last week's meeting General Carroll proposed, and the Board concurred, that BNE and the USIB Representatives take a new look at these papers and, if warranted, update the subject SNIE and Memorandum to Holders. At a meeting on Monday, BNE and the USIB Representatives agreed unanimously that a new SNIE on this subject should be prepared, if possible, in time for USIB consideration by 16 May. We understand Mr. Abbot Smith will make this recommendation to the USIB at Thursday's meeting.

- Item 6 NIE on Communist Insurgency in Thailand
BNE draft coordinated with USIB Representatives for USIB approval;
Sponsor - Mr. Abbot Smith

There were no major disagreements during coordination of this regularly scheduled estimate and BNE does not anticipate any particular problem at USIB.

- Item 7 Organization of the Intelligence Information Handling Committee
IHC Recommendation for USIB consideration; Sponsor - General Taylor

In this item, in accordance with DCID No. 1/4, USIB is asked to approve the organizational arrangements for the IHC including: (a) the size and composition of the IHC Support Staff; and (b) the IHC subcommittee structure. Specifically, the IHC requests approval of the recommendation in paragraph 9 of General Taylor's memorandum. There are three reservations regarding the subcommittee structure:

- a. The NSA IHC Member proposes deletion of paragraph 4 because he does not concur that the chairmen of the subcommittees should be drawn from the IHC Support Staff whenever possible.
- b. The NSA IHC Member also proposes deletion of paragraph 5. b. because he does not agree to the establishment of a subcommittee on System Design and Development.
- c. The CIA IHC Member proposes substitute wording for paragraph 5. c. because he believes the scope of the subcommittee on Research and Development exceeds both the authority of the committee and the resources of the IHC staff as proposed in this paper.

General Taylor in his briefing memorandum to you explains these dissents and gives his reasons for supporting the original IHC recommendations. The position of the CIA Member of the IHC is outlined in his briefing memorandum to Admiral Taylor, which is also in your USIB book.

/ Executive Secretary, USIB

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